Missoula County Public Schools

**NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS 8510**

Tributes and Memorials

The District recognizes that circumstances may exist to honor individuals, groups or events that pay tribute to or memorialize extraordinary lifetime accomplishments or events. Additionally, the District recognizes that at times traumatic events may also need to be recognized. However, as places designed primarily to support learning, schools sites and district facilities should not serve as the main venue for permanent tributes or memorials for individuals, groups or events.

This policy is not intended to replace existing practices recognizing academic or extra-curricular achievement which are currently managed by building administration.

Permanent tributes and memorials for individuals, groups or events on District property shall be limited to:

* Perpetual awards or scholarships
* Plantings (trees, shrubs, or perennials)
* Benches, tables, and other types of outdoor furnishings

Memorial signage will not be installed at the location. The names of honored individuals, groups or events will be kept and made available to the public at a centrally located site.

Any permanent memorials in existence before this policy was adopted can only be removed by a vote of the Board of Trustees.

Funerals, memorial services, or celebrations of an individual’s life will not be conducted on district property or in the school setting.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to establish procedures to administer and implement the memorials policy, including: identification and approval of memorial location(s), term(s), siting, design standards, application requirements, review processes, and record keeping.

Legal References:

Cross References:

Policy History:

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